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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michel Bessodes *et al.*

Application No.: 09/972,854

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: ACID-SENSITIVE COMPOUNDS,
THEIR PREPARATION AND USES

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before examining this application on the merits, please amend it as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application claims benefit of priority of U.S. provisional application
60/239,116, filed October 11, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 and 30-38 without prejudice or disclaimer to the
subject matter contained therein.

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